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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: LUIGI MACARIO

1. LUIGI MACARIO, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL AND PROBABLY SUCCESSOR TO BRUNO STORTI, HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY ON WEDNESDAY MAY 19, ON "HOW ITALIAN LABOR VIEWS THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS". MACARIO WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE THIS OCCASION TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR AND THE AFL-CIO.

2. NOTING PRESS REPORTS THAT SOCIALIST LEADER GIOLITTI WILL BE MAKING SUCH CALLS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN THE SAME CONTEXT, MACARIO REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, JOHN DE SCUILLO, THOMAS BOWIE AND DALE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT DANIEL HOROWITZ OF THE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, SECRETARY-TREASURER LANEKIRKLAND AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ERNEST LEE OF THE AFL-CIO.

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3. MACARIO PLANS TO DEPART ROME ON SUNDAY MAY 16 IN ORDER TO HAVE MONDAY AND TUESDAY FREE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. WHILE HE IS PREPARED TO EXTEND HIS STAY TO THE 19TH AND 20TH, MACARIO WOULD PREFER TO HAVE HIS WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS PRECEDE HIS TALK BEFORE THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

4. HE HAS ALSO ASKED TO MEET WITH RAY CLINE OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND THAT HOWARD MOLISANI OF THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL IN NEW YORK BE ADVISED OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS. MACARIO EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. FABRIZIA GLORIOSO BAUDUEL, CHIEF OF THE CISL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WITH ABOVE OR ALTERNATIVE APPOINTMENTS, MACARIO WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER. BAUDUEL HAS SUGGESTED ANNA SAXON, WHO ASSISTED HER DURING HER IVP VISIT IN 1968, IF AVAILABLE. OTHERWISE WE WOULD SUGGEST BILL CARNEY, WHO ABLY ASSISTED PAOLO SARTORI AND OTHER ITALIAN LABOR LEADERS IN THE RECENT PAST.

5. MACARIO IS 55 YEARS OLD, PIEDMONTESE, MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HE COMES FROM A MODEST MIDDLE CLASS BACKGROUND AND IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF CISL. A MEMBER OF THE CISL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SINCE 1955, MACARIO WAS HEAD OF THE METAL WORKERS CATEGORY UNION FIM-CISL FROM 1962 TO 1970. UNDER HIS DIRECTION FIM GREW FROM 97,000 TO 170,000 MEMBERS. HE HAS BEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL SINCE 1973.

6. POLITICALLY, MACARIO IS A MEMBER OF THE SO-CALLED SELF-RENEWAL GROUP WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH INCLUDES PIERO BASSETTI, PIETRO SCOPPOLA AND LEOPOLDO ELIA. THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO STRENGTHEN THE DC BY MAKING IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF WORKERS, WOMEN AND YOUTH. ACCORDING TO MACARIO, "THE DC HAS TENDED IN RECENT YEARS TO ACT ONLY AS AN ELECTORAL COMMITTEE AND OTHERWISE TO BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ITALIAN PEOPLE". HE SEES THE CURRENT WEAKNESS OF THE DC IN CONFRONTATION WITH THE PCI AS A DANGER FOR DEMOCRACY IN GENERAL AND FOR THE FREE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT IN PARTICULAR.

7. MACARIO EXPLAINED TO THE LABOR OFFICER THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE DOCTRINE OF INCOMPATIBILITY, CISL WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. CISL'S STRATEGY WILL EMPHASIZE THE GRAVITY OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND POINT OUT THAT WORKERS' INTERESTS LIE IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE COUNTRIES' DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. INDIVIDUALLY, MACARIO AND OTHER CISL LEADERS WILL MAKE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN AT DC CAMPAIGN MEETINGS. MACARIO SAID THAT HE, STORTI AND OTHER CISL LEADERS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTING SOME CISL CANDIDATES IN THE PARLIAMENETARY ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN

THE DC TICKET.

8. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE FULLES POSSIBLE
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE BE GIVEN TO MACARIO. A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE
IN THE UNITED STATES CAN HAVE A CONSIDERABLE BENEFICIAL EFFECT
BOTH FOR ENCOURAGING THE NEW SENSITIVITY OF CISL TO THE DANGERS
OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM AND IN REASSURING THE DWINDLING
CONFIDENCE OF SUCH DEMOCRATIC ITALIAN LEADERS.VOLPE

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